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Pileated Woodpeckers in Sonoma County, California

Pileated Woodpeckers have been reported as occurring about Cazadero, Sonoma County, California (Grinnell and Wythe, Pacific Coast Avifauna No. 18, 1927), however it was interesting to me to learn that these large birds are still present in that region.

On June 7 and 8, 1946, I visited the Cazadero Congregational Camp some seven miles northwest of Cazadero. The eight hundred acre tract was recently purchased by that organization and no shooting is now allowed. It ranges from nine hundred to nineteen hundred feet in elevation and is wooded primarily with redwood and Douglas fir trees.

In the social hall in the "bunk house" of the camp is a specimen of Pileated Woodpecker (*Ceophloeus pileatus picinus*) mounted in a flying position and suspended by a wire from the ceiling. Mr. Clarence Young, the caretaker, who had the bird prepared, told me that so far as he could determine there are six Pileated Woodpeckers on the property. He said the bird which he had mounted was found dead in the middle of October 1945 in the vineyard near his house, and that he has often observed these large woodpeckers feeding on grapes.

It is gratifying to know that the area referred to has been closed to shooting, as these largest of all the western woodpeckers need all the protection that can be given them.

—Emerson A. Stoner, Benicia, California.

November Field Trip

Under the leadership of Mrs. Wayne Henrie, a small group of Audubonites spent a most pleasant day of birding at Stinson Beach. The weather was sunny, warm, and windless. In the willow thickets and marshes abounded many warblers, sparrows, and other small birds, while along the edge of the lagoon were seen numerous shore birds. The thrill of the day was the sight of nine White Pelicans slowly flapping and sailing overhead. The following

46 species were observed:

Eared Grebe	Red-backed Sandpiper	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Western Grebe	Glaucous-winged Gull	Audubon Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Western Gull	Yellow-throat
White Pelican	California Gull	Red-Winged Blackbird
Cormorant	Ring-billed Gull	Brewer Blackbird
Great Blue Heron	Anna Hummingbird	Purple Finch
Common Egret	Belted Kingfisher	House Finch
White-winged Scoter	Red-shafted Flicker	Arkansas Goldfinch
Turkey Vulture	Black Phoebe	Spotted Towhee
Marsh Hawk	California Jay	Brown Towhee
Sora Rail	Wren-tit	Savannah Sparrow
Killdeer	Bewick Wren	Lark Sparrow
Willet	Robin	White-crowned Sparrow
Least Sandpiper	Hermit Thrush	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Western Sandpiper	Mexican Bluebird	Fox Sparrow
		Song Sparrow

En route to the meeting place, the leader reported seeing an additional 4 species: Red-tailed Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, California Quail, Coot.

In the afternoon part of the group enjoyed an extra trip by leaving the bus at Mountain Home and walking down to Mill Valley. The following 12 species were seen: Turkey Vulture, California Quail, Steller Jay, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Bush-tit, White-breasted Nuthatch (Slender-billed), Wren-tit, Hermit Thrush, Varied Thrush, Hutton Vireo, Western Meadow-lark, Junco.

Fifteen members attended: Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith; Mesdames A. B. Baer, Elsie Baer, Sadie Bozant, Esther S. Henrie, Bess McCarthy, Nichelsburg; Misses Jean B. Fay, Margaret Milwain, Amy Rinehart, Hazel Walsh; Messrs. Jack Heyneman, John A. Keating, H. G. Peterson. One guest, Andre Henrie, husband of the leader.

—Margaret Milwain, Historian

December Field Trip

The twenty-eighth annual census of waterbirds at Lake Merritt, Oakland, was taken on Sunday, December 15th, under the direction of Mr. Arthur H. Myer. The day was cold and gray, but visibility was good in spite of leaden skies. The following twenty four species of water birds were counted:

Horned Grebe 8	Canvas-back 136
Eared Grebe 56	Redhead 1
Western Grebe 2	Scaup 28
Pied-billed Grebe 12	Common Golden-eye (American) 43
Double-crested Cormorant	Ruddy Duck 116
(Farallon) 23	American Coot 475
Common Egret (American) 2	Glaucous-winged Gull 72
Black-crowned Night Heron 29	Herring Gull 3

Mallard 97	California Gull 22
Pintail 452	Ring-billed Gull 51
Baldpate 296	Bonaparte Gull 68
Shoveller 2	Forster Tern 11
Wood Duck 2	Total: 2007 individuals

Pinioned Geese not included in the above: Canada 4, Cackling 3, White-fronted 3, Lesser Snow 8.

Twenty species of land birds were seen:

California Quail	Red-shafted Flicker	Plain Titmouse
Spotted Sandpiper	California Jay	Bush-tit
Robin	Townsend Warbler	Brown Towhee
Hermit Thrush	House Sparrow	White-crowned Sparrow
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Brewer Blackbird	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Cedar Waxwing	Purple Finch	Song Sparrow
Hutton Vireo	Spotted Towhee	

As the group was dispersing in the afternoon, the number of Glaucous-winged Gulls was reduced to 71 due to one casualty. The victim was used by Mrs. Austin for a brief lesson in ornithology, after which it was delivered to the Oakland Public Museum with the hope that the skin could be saved.

18 members and 6 guests participated in the census.

—Margaret Milwain, Historian

Observations, edited by Junea W. Kelly

California Roadrunner, November 29, Crystal Springs Lake; White-throated Swift (35 or more), December 2, Montara Point; Pigeon Hawk, December 2, Santa Cruz; Tree Swallow, December 7, Moss Landing, Gordon L. Bolander.

Hooded Mergansers, 2 males, 1 female, November 3, Phoenix Lake, Marin County; 1 male Buffle-head and 1 male Shoveller, November 23, Lake Merritt; Junea W. Kelly.

Bald Eagle, December 2, Crystal Springs, Edwin McClintock (reported by Gordon L. Bolander.)

Hooded Mergansers, 4, November 24, Phoenix Lake, Marin County; Margaret Milwain.

December Meeting

The 351st meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific was held Thursday evening, December 12, 1946, at 8:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room, San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco, California.

The meeting was opened by the President, Miss Jean Bradford Fay. Miss Hazel Walsh read the minutes of the November meeting. Forty-two members and guests were present.

Mr. Gordon L. Bolander and Mr. John Roush were welcomed on their return from military duty.

Miss Fay reported the death of Mr. Albert B. Stephens. On motion presented by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Kilham, it was requested that Mr. J. J. Webb, corresponding secretary, be directed to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Stephens.

Mr. Leffler reported on details of the Christmas census to be taken on Sunday, December 22nd, and assigned districts.

Mr. Gordon L. Bolander told of his birding experiences in Texas, Mississippi, Illinois and North Carolina, and in England, France and Switzerland.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

—Hazel Walsh, *Recording Secretary, pro tem*

January Meeting

The 352nd meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific will be held on Thursday, January 9, 1947 at 8:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the San Francisco Public Library at Larkin and McAllister Streets. Mr. Walter W. Bradley, vice-president, will be the speaker of the evening. Mr. Bradley will show kodachrome slides of some of the birds of California and Florida, filmed during his recent trip.

January Field Trip

On January 11, 1947, William D. Landels, guest leader, will lead the field trip to the U.C. Campus and Strawberry Canyon in Berkeley. Meet at the corner of University Avenue and Oxford Street at 10:05 a.m. S. F. members take the "F" train leaving the Key System Terminal at 9:27 a.m. Get off at the corner of University and Shattuck. Walk 2 blocks east on University to Oxford Street. Bring luncheon and binoculars. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Myer have kindly invited the group to meet at their home, at 25 El Camino Real, at twelve o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM: It is with sorrow that we report the death of one of our members, Mr. Albert B. Stephens, on November 21, 1946.

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